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Please amend the subject application to read as follows:

In the title:

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**METHOD OF REDUCING GASTROINTESTINAL SIDE EFFECTS ASSOCIATED
WITH ORLISTAT TREATMENT**

In the claims:

1-2, 8, 10-15, 17, 20-30 and 32-47 (cancelled).

31. (previously amended and renumbered) A method of reducing the gastrointestinal side effects associated with orlistat treatment, which comprises administering to a patient being treated with orlistat an amount of a bile salt sequestrant selected from the group consisting of cholestyramine, colestipol, colestimide, colesevelam, sevelamer, DEAE-cellulose, β -cyclodextrin, γ -cyclodextrin, guanidinoethylcellulose, and DEAE-Sephadex, effective to reduce the side effects associated with the orlistat treatment.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 8, 10-15, 17, 18, 20-23, and 25-48 were pending in the subject application. Applicants have hereinabove cancelled claims 1, 2, 8, 10-15, 17, 18, 20-23, 25-30, and 32-48. Claim 31 has been deemed allowable by the Patent Office and is pending in the subject application.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 10-15, 17, 18, 10-30, and 31-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable in view of Gregg (U.S. Patent No. 5,883,109). All of these claims have been cancelled hereinabove, without prejudice to refiling these claims

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in a divisional application. Accordingly, the rejection is now moot. Applicants note that a divisional application is being filed concurrently.

Applicants have amended the title to reflect the claimed invention.

Since all that remains is allowed claim 31, applicants request that all rejections be withdrawn and a Notice of Allowance be issued.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in furthering prosecution of the subject application, applicants request that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the number below.

No fee, except the fee for a two-month extension of time, is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment. If any fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account 08-2525.

Respectfully Submitted,



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